GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CICA SUMMIT MEETING
SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PM while addressing the CICA Meeting had asserted that the 16 Nations Summit must put pressure on the countries who are creating/ sponsoring terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the PM held talks with the Russian President on the sidelines ofSummit meeting for putting pressure on Pakistan to stop terrorism; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) In his address at the Summit Meeting of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 4 June, 2002, Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee stated that implementation of United Nations` Security Council Resolution No. 1373, which specifically bars any nation from supporting terrorism - either directly or indirectly in the name of providing moral and political support, will prove to be an important confidence-building measure in Asia. He also conveyed India`s deep concern over cross-border terrorism aimed at destabilizing the country.

(c) & (d) Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee met President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the CICA Summit Meeting in Almaty on 4 June, 2002. During this meeting, the two leaders discussed bilateral matters between India and the Russian Federation, and regional and international issues of mutual interest. The meeting was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere traditionally associated between India and the Russian Federation. The Prime Minister conveyed to President Putin India`s appreciation of Russia`s strong and consistent support on India`s stand on terrorism.